

# ROOSEVELT MAY TAKE STAND AND ANSWER CHARGE

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The committee probe the charges made in the Senate Wednesday and which he reiterated again yesterday.

**Arrives Early.**

Mr. Archibald arrived at the committee room before 9 a. m. the hour set for the opening of the inquiry. The committee had to wait more than half an hour for Senator Penrose, who, the only Democratic representative, Senator Penrose, whose defense of his own action in receiving the \$25,000 brought out the committee charges against the Roosevelt campaign manager of 1910, was on hand to face the committee was ready to begin.

Only newspaper men and the interested parties were admitted to the room. Senator Penrose found a seat at one of the tables set aside for the newspaper men.

When asked as to the date of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar contribution, Mr. Archibald said:

"I have not the date in my mind now. I have had time to think it over with reference to it. My best recollection is that it was some time in September, 1911. I think about the middle of September."

Mr. Archibald asked Senator Clapp:

"My recollection is that it was given to Mr. Bliss in currency."

"Who was present?"

"To the best of my recollection, I was alone," said Mr. Archibald.

"Have you any written data with which to fix the date?" asked Senator Clapp.

**Was Given a Receipt.**

"Mr. Bliss gave me a receipt," said Mr. Archibald, "but in such investigation as I have been able to make before I have been here I have not been able to find it. I hope to do so."

"Had you any previous talk with Mr. Bliss as to this matter before you made the contribution?" asked Senator Clapp.

"At some time before, either at my office or that of Mr. H. H. Rogers," answered Mr. Archibald.

"We had talked about politics and contributions, and I said that the matter would have to be submitted to our board. It was submitted later, and the board decided to contribute."

"Was the \$25,000 contribution in Senator Penrose in the form of a check?" asked Mr. Clapp.

"I cannot say. My letter books show no record of any such letter as has been mentioned. The signature of that letter is very unlike mine," answered Mr. Archibald.

**Probably in Currency.**

Mr. Archibald said that the payment to Senator Penrose was probably in currency.

"You were the man in the standard oil company who had charge of these political matters?" asked Senator Clapp.

"Only in Pennsylvania and Ohio, where I had known the relations of our business," said Archibald.

"Subsequently to these contributions did you have any conference with the national committee or any member of the committee as to further contributions?"

"Yes, with Mr. Bliss, not later than the 10th of October. There were two or three conferences. Mr. Rogers may have been at one of them," said Mr. Archibald.

"Do you recall any one except yourself and Rogers who were present at any of these conferences?"

"Mr. Archibald said no one else was present."

"What was the result of these conferences?" asked Senator Clapp.

"We decided not to make the further contribution."

"Did you have any conferences with any one except Mr. Bliss whom you knew or understood represented Colonel Roosevelt?" asked Senator Clapp.

"No, I talked very frankly with Mr. Bliss. I told him that we wanted to make this contribution but we did not want to make it without the knowledge of the powers that be. We wanted it understood and appreciated by Colonel Roosevelt. Mr. Bliss militantly assured me that that would be the case."

**Personal Contributions.**

Mr. Archibald was asked by Senator Clapp if he made any personal contributions. The reply was that if he had it was a small amount and he had no recollection of such. He said that he had no knowledge that he could testify about of either John D. Rockefeller or William Rockefeller making individual contributions to the campaign.

"Do you have any knowledge or did

you hear such reports as you believed of individuals contributing to the Republican campaign fund in 1910?" urged Senator Clapp.

"I have no absolute personal knowledge," said Mr. Archibald, "such as would justify me in testifying."

"Have you anything that would help the committee?"

"Of course I was aware of the talk about the Harrison contribution but I had no personal knowledge of it," said Mr. Archibald.

"When did you hear about that?"

"I heard about it very early. I cannot recall the date."

"Were you solicited by Mr. Harrison?" asked Senator Clapp.

"I do not recall that I was, but I have seen his name mentioned as being among the contributors. It may have been given by Mr. Rogers or my other business associates. It was without my knowledge."

"How much did you hear the Harrison contribution was?" asked Senator Clapp.

"I understood it was \$10,000 or \$25,000."

**Questioned by Penrose.**

"I understood Senator Clapp's examination and the witness was turned over to Senator Penrose. Senator Penrose then asked Senator Clapp to make an effort to find out more of the details in regard to the \$25,000 contribution. Mr. Archibald said that he had a talk with Mr. Bliss in regard to contributing about a week or so to the time that he gave the money."

"Who was present at this interview?" asked Senator Penrose.

"My recollection is that Mr. Rogers, Mr. Bliss and myself were there."

"Tell us what was said at this interview?"

"We discussed the platform and the individuals," Mr. Archibald replied.

"What was said about Mr. Roosevelt?" asked Senator Penrose.

"Mr. Bliss told us of his attitude toward business interests," said Mr. Archibald.

**Thoughtful Penrose.**

"Mr. Bliss said that he thought Mr. Roosevelt would be a fair and conservative man when it came to the test, and urged that the policies of the Republican party were the safest for the business world."

"It was because of his conservative views and your belief of the attitude of the Republican party toward the business world that induced you to contribute?" asked Senator Penrose.

"The party question was discussed," said Mr. Archibald. Mr. Bliss thought that Mr. Roosevelt would fairly carry out the party pledges."

Mr. Archibald said that after this first interview with Mr. Bliss he and Mr. Rogers laid the request for a contribution before their business associates, who were the directors of the Standard Oil Company.

**Decide on Contribution.**

"We decided our interests as a business organization lay on the Republican side," said Mr. Archibald, "and we decided that we should make this contribution."

Senator Penrose asked if it was decided how much was to be given to the national committee and how much to the Pennsylvania State committee.

"Mr. Archibald said that nothing was decided about how it was to be distributed."

Later, however, Mr. Archibald said it was decided after a conference with Senator Penrose that the standard oil people should make the additional \$25,000 contribution for the campaign of Pennsylvania.

"Was the Standard Oil Company money or the funds of the officials personally?" asked Senator Penrose.

"It was company money," said Mr. Archibald.

Senator Penrose wanted to know the details of the conversation between Mr. Archibald and Mr. Bliss with reference to Colonel Roosevelt's knowledge of these contributions.

"I said," said Mr. Archibald, "Mr. Bliss and we are inclined to make this contribution to you, but we want it known to the powers that be to the President."

**Named the President.**

"You named the President," broke in Senator Penrose.

"Yes, I named President Roosevelt," said Mr. Archibald. "I said to Mr. Bliss that we did not want to make the contribution unless it would be gratefully received."

"Did you have any misgivings as to this at that time?"

"There had been some talk about contributions to contributions from certain sources," said Mr. Archibald.

"Had you any knowledge that this contribution had been made known to President Roosevelt?"

"Only the assurance of Mr. Bliss through my conferences with him."

"Just what did he say?" asked Senator Penrose.

"He said, 'You need have no misgivings in that matter. I will represent you and I will see that it is properly known.'"

Mr. Archibald again said the payment of the contribution had been made in currency and Senator Penrose wanted to know why.

**Publicity Not Wanted.**

The Standard Oil man smiled and re-

plied, "I don't suppose there was any desire on the part of either of us for publicity."

Senator Penrose then took up the visit of Mr. Bliss to 25 Broadway, where further contributions, according to Mr. Archibald, were asked from the Standard Oil.

"At a later time Mr. Bliss came to my office," said Mr. Archibald, "he said, 'I have come to you again on the money question.' He pointed out the situation in the campaign and the need for further funds. I said, 'I thought we had done pretty liberally. Finally I told him that I could not decide the matter, but that I would lay it before my board.'"

"Was there anything in that conversation to indicate that Colonel Roosevelt knew of your contribution?" asked Senator Penrose.

"Yes, he gave me to understand that our contribution had been acceptable and that further contributions would be acceptable to Colonel Roosevelt."

**Mentioned \$100,000.**

Mr. Archibald said that on this occasion Mr. Bliss mentioned \$100,000 as the amount necessary. He said he had laid the matter before the board and reported that he had impressed upon the board the desire of the Standard Oil officials that their contributions should not be received unless they were acceptable to Colonel Roosevelt.

He said the board decided to "stand upon what they had done," and make no further contributions.

Senator Penrose asked, "Did you regard Mr. Bliss as a man of veracity and integrity, and when he told you that he had told Colonel Roosevelt of this matter, had you any reason to doubt him?"

"None in the world," said Mr. Archibald.

"When you told Bliss that the board would do no more, what did he say?" asked Senator Penrose.

"He said that it was a mistake, answered Archibald. 'He said, 'I speak to you personally. I think you had better make the contribution. If you don't, somebody else will, and I think you will be making a mistake.' He put it on personal grounds, and mentioned his friendship for me toward the end."

"Did Mr. Bliss ever tell you that Colonel Roosevelt was grateful to you for not making this further contribution?" asked Senator Penrose, with a smile.

"No," returned Archibald.

**No Talk of Return.**

Archibald said he had never heard of any proposition to return any campaign funds until within the last two or three days. Senator Penrose asked if Mr. Archibald had talked to Mr. Bliss after this matter.

"I went to Mr. Bliss after President Roosevelt and some of his bureau heads began their line of unjust attacks upon us," said Mr. Archibald. Mr. Bliss threw up his hands, said that he saw the attacks were unjust, and said that he sympathized with us, but that he could do nothing."

Mr. Archibald said the attacks were made upon the Standard Oil Company by James A. Garfield and Herbert Knox Smith.

President Roosevelt unfailingly approved these attacks, without investigation and without the slightest knowledge of the facts," he said.

**More Than Coincidence.**

The witness declared there was "more than a coincidence" in the appearance of these adverse governmental reports every time we were concerned in litigation in the courts or in any time legislation appeared here in Washington in which we were interested."

He said that a careful record of these reports had been kept and would some day be written up.

These reports of Garfield and Smith said when the work of Mr. Archibald was done, Mr. Roosevelt pulled the strings," he added.

Senator Penrose asked Mr. Archibald if he thought that the refusal of the Standard Oil to make the second contribution had anything to do with the investigations.

"Well," Mr. Archibald began, and then stopped to bite his lip. "I don't know."

"Did you ever call Mr. Bliss's attention to what he had said to you before the election in regard to Mr. Roosevelt's attitude?" asked Senator Penrose.

"I talked with Mr. Bliss,"

"Anything said about these contributions?"

"Nothing whatever," said Archibald.

**Talked of Roosevelt.**

Senator Penrose repeated his question in a different form, with better success.

"I presume that I had some talk with Mr. Bliss about Mr. Roosevelt,"

Archibald, "but Mr. Bliss was not the kind of man to say 'I told you so.'"

Mr. Bliss said that it was with

**THE WEATHER**

Forecast for Virginia—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday.

**Special Local Data for Yesterday.**

12 noon temperature 84

2 P. M. temperature 88

Maximum temperature up to 88

Minimum temperature up to 85

P. M. temperature 88

Moisture 79

Normal temperature 78

Excess in temperature 74

Deficiency in temperature 4

March 1 170

Accum. deficiency in temperature since March 1 662

Rainfall last twenty-four hours 5.6

Deficiency in rainfall since March 1 234

Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1 229

Local observation S. P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature 84

Humidity 78

Wind-direction N. W.

Weather locally Clear

Rainfall last 12 hours 5.6

**CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.**

Place Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.

Alexandria 70 78 64 Clear

Baltimore 70 78 64 Clear

Atlantic City 72 80 72 Clear

Boston 68 81 64 Clear

Buffalo 62 70 62 Cloudy

Calgary 62 70 62 Cloudy

Charleston 76 80 76 Cloudy

Chicago 66 72 66 Clear

Cincinnati 68 78 68 Clear

Cleveland 68 78 68 Clear

Dayton 68 78 68 Clear

Galveston 81 90 81 P. cloudy

Hatteras 78 86 78 Clear

Havana 78 86 78 Clear

Jacktown 81 88 81 Clear

Kansas City 81 88 81 Clear

Louisville 81 88 81 Clear

Montgomery 81 88 81 Clear

New Orleans 78 84 78 Rain

New York 72 78 72 P. cloudy

Norfolk 81 88 81 Clear

Oklahoma 86 92 74 Clear

Pittsburgh 86 92 82 Clear

Raleigh 82 90 74 Clear

St. Louis 80 84 80 Clear

St. Paul 72 76 74 Clear

San Francisco 60 62 64 Clear

Savannah 70 78 70 Cloudy

Spokane 90 92 88 P. cloudy

Tampa 80 86 80 Cloudy

Washington 74 82 74 Clear

Wilmington 80 88 80 P. cloudy

Wynetteville 61 74 61 Clear

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

Aug. 24 1912.

High tide.

Morning 2:12

Evening 2:55

Sun rises 5:33

Sun sets 6:01

## Minister Who Aids in Elopement Cut by Angry Father of Girl

Young Preacher Renders Assistance  
After Being Warned Against  
Giving Any Help.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Richmond, N. C., August 23.—At his home, near Wake Forest, D. Bryant Harrison, a prominent farmer of the county, cut Rev. C. B. Sorrell twice with a knife last night because the young minister, a student at Wake Forest college, and assisted in the runaway marriage of Mr. Harrison's daughter, Miss Lyle, and Bennett Wall, whom Mr. Harrison objected to as a non-in-law.

Rev. Mr. Sorrell had been making his home with the Harrisons, and he helped the young couple in the run-away to Smithfield Wednesday night, after he had been warned by Mr. Harrison to have nothing to do with the threatened marriage.

Mr. Sorrell is the pastor of Mr. Harrison's church, and Mr. Harrison has all along been much interested in the efforts of the young man to get his ministerial education.

Mr. Sorrell had returned to the Harrison home after the runaway, as though no harm had happened, and Mr. Harrison ordered him from his place and made the attack on him.

Mr. Harrison has given bond in the case against him for the attack on the minister. The latter is out across the creek and on the neck, neither wound being very serious.

Mr. Harrison said that he must say that he had no influence whatever with Mr. Sorrell, said Mr. Archibald.

Senator Penrose inquired on knowledge what passed between Mr. Archibald and Mr. Bliss at this conversation where the Roosevelt investigations were discussed.

"I suppose that Mr. Bliss probably expressed his opinion that it would be as he had wished and I have no doubt whatever on that question myself," answered Mr. Archibald.

**Assumed Report Was Made.**

"Do you know whether Mr. Bliss made a report to Mr. Roosevelt that you had declined a further contribution?" asked Senator Penrose.

"I assume, of course, that it was so reported. I do not know in what shape the report was made, but it undoubtedly was made," said Archibald.

Senator Penrose asked about the twenty-five thousand dollar contribution through Senator Penrose to the Pennsylvania State committee and if Mr. Archibald talked to Senator Penrose about Colonel Roosevelt's attitude in regard to "business."

Mr. Archibald replied that he undoubtedly did, and after thinking said that he asked Senator Penrose in regard to Mr. Roosevelt's attitude on the tariff.

When questioned about the date of the contribution, Archibald said that Mr. Penrose, Mr. Archibald testified that he had been unable to find any record of the alleged letter which had been printed showing how he sent the money to the Pennsylvania Senator.

He produced three letters which he said constituted all the written communications with Senator Penrose during 1911, as far as he was able to find out.

**Letters Put in Record.**

Two of these letters were put in the record. The third letter, dated September 27, 1911, and the other of June 6, 1911, and both concerned the making of appointments for meetings between Archibald and Penrose.

Mr. Archibald could not recall the content of these meetings.

"Just before the convention," suggested Senator Jones, when the June letter was read.

The third letter was not put in the record, at Mr. Archibald's request.

Each of the Senators read it, however. Mr. Archibald explained that he had sent similar letters to other Senators and to President Roosevelt himself, and that the communication related to the appointment of his brother, an army man. Later, he said, President Roosevelt made the appointment.

Senator Penrose cross-examined Mr. Archibald in regard to meeting Senators Olick and Scott in New York. Mr. Archibald said that the meeting must have been merely casual.

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